



DE-CW3005

Delaware  
Weekly Crop and Weather Report

OCTOBER 24, 2005

Small Grain Planting Increases

Delaware farmers enjoyed moderate air temperatures and variable precipitation which allowed them 4.3 **days suitable for field work** for the week ending October 23, 2005. Air temperatures the ranged from highs in the 70’s to lows in the 40's. Planting of small grains increased dramatically this past week. **Barley** planted acres increased 50 percent to 84 percent, 13 percent above last year and 14 percent above the five-year average. **Wheat** planted acres increased 14 percent to 29 percent, 15 percent above last week. Conditions for both **barley** and **wheat** are good to excellent.

**Corn** harvest is near completion with 90 percent harvested, 5 percent below last year and 5 percent above the five-year average. **Soybean** harvest increased 14 percent this week to 30 percent harvested. Fourth cutting **alfalfa hay** was over 70 percent harvested and fifth cutting of **alfalfa hay** is 17 percent harvested.

**Pasture** was rated in mostly good condition while **hay supplies** were mostly adequate.

DELAWARE’S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	89	79	91	89
Corn for Grain	90	84	95	85
Soybeans	30	16	27	24
Planting Progress:				
Barley	84	50	71	70
Winter Wheat	29	14	42	41
Crop Progress:				
Soybean Dropping Leaves	94	88	97	88
Hay Harvested:				
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	70	60	83	90
Other Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	12	11	79	71

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITIONS FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	-	-	68	32
Topsoil (2004)	1	1	83	15
Five Year Average	2	15	74	9
Subsoil Moisture	-	-	93	7
Subsoil (2004)	1	1	95	3
Five Year Average	3	13	81	3

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
<b>Maryland</b>							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.88	42.34	9.11	77	45	57	3
Easton	1.37	39.51	3.41	76	46	57	0
Frederick	1.27	34.71	2.53	77	45	55	5
Frostburg	1.02	32.00	-6.51	73	37	49	2
Hagerstown	0.69	26.95	-4.65	77	42	55	2
Mechanicsville	1.78	36.58	-0.40	76	43	56	2
Patuxent River	1.47	35.27	0.58	79	45	60	5
Ocean City	1.13	35.64	-1.35	77	44	60	5
Salisbury	1.23	41.30	3.68	76	38	58	3
Sharpsburg	1.17	32.61	0.43	78	40	53	3
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.65	37.54	5.95	79	48	60	2
<b>Delaware</b>							
Dover	1.99	43.36	6.71	75	45	58	2
Georgetown	1.55	37.88	1.61	77	45	60	5
Wilmington	1.02	32.33	-1.02	76	44	56	3

Weather Data is provided by the Agricultural Weather Information Service, Auburn, Alabama and is considered preliminary.